

ABSTRACT

A PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT DETERMINER

5 The present invention relates to a processing environment determining means (PED) for inclusion in a telecommunication network. The processing environment determining means (PED) comprises first retrieving means (RET1) to retrieve one or more processing capability information (P\_T1; P\_T2; P\_HN; P\_VN; P\_IN; P\_SPE) associated to any one of a terminal (T1; T2), a network element (HNE; VNE; INE) of a sub-network (HN, VN, IN) and a service provider equipment (SPE) of a service provider (SP) of the telecommunication network.

10 The processing determining means (PED) further comprises appointing means (APP) that are coupled to the first retrieving means (RET1). The appointing means is comprised to appoint, for a predefined service of a predefined client, according to predefined rules and conditions, and according to the processing capability information (P\_T1; P\_T2; P\_HN; P-VN; P\_IN; P\_SPE), one or more

15 out of the terminal (T1; T2), the network elements (HNE; VNE; INE) and the service provider (SPE). Hereby an appointed processing environment (P\_APP) that has to be used to execute the predefined service is determined.

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